

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH POLICY

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new health policy is being formulated;
- (b) whether the new health policy envisages health for all;
- (c) whether restricted recognition is likely to be given to the so called doctors in the rural and tribal areas having little knowledge of medical science; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made to make the life saving drugs available in the rural areas at cheaper rates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) & (b) An exercise has been undertaken to revise the National Health Policy in view of the significant epidemiological and demographic changes in the country since 1983, when the first National Health Policy was formulated, 'Health for All' would continue to be the overall objective of the revised National Health Policy as well.
- (c) & (d) Government is aware of the necessity to provide quality service everywhere through qualified health professionals and necessary drugs at reasonable prices.